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Scheidemann assailed those who favored annexation by Germany of conquered countries and reminded them that the Kaiser himself had decided this was not war of conquest. Then, since Germany's frontiers are well-defended, he urged the present moment as opportune for a statement from the government of possible terms of peace.

Galleries Cheer German Chancellor's Proposal To Await Peace Offers

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Dec. 9.)—Speaking before crowded galleries in the reichstag today, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg made known Germany's position regarding peace.

"As long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion, it would be folly for Germany to make proposals which would not shorten, but lengthen the duration of the war," said the chancellor.

"First, the masks must be torn from their faces. At present they speak of a war of annihilation against us. We have to consider this fact—that theoretical arguments for peace or propositions will not advance us; they will not bring the end nearer.

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them.

Conscious of Success.

"Fully conscious of our unshaken military successes, we decline the responsibility for the continuation of the misery which now fills Europe and the whole world. Nobody can say that we are continuing the war because we want to conquer this or that country as a pledge."

Enthusiastic cheers filled the reichstag chamber when the chancellor concluded his reply to the peace interpretation of Dr. Philip Scheidemann, Socialist leader. At first there was tense silence throughout the whole house and galleries. This was soon interrupted by signs of assent. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg first declared that the prospects of peace discussion in the reichstag had excited great expectations and much satisfaction in the countries of Germany's enemies. That this feeling should prevail was incomprehensible, he said, in view of Germany's successes in Serbia after opening the road toward her Turkish allies, and after threatening the most vulnerable points of the British empire.

No Overtures Made.

Although this situation, he said, would explain the desire of Germany's enemies for peace, none of them have made any overtures. They rather cling to the intentions which they publicly had announced at the beginning of the war, he said, with "naïve brutality."

The chancellor reviewed recent utterances about possible peace conditions that have come from Germany's enemies.

He mentioned among these the handing over of Alsace-Lorraine to the French, the annihilation of so-called Prussian militarism, the expulsion of the Turks from Europe, the cession of the left bank of the Rhine to France, and the creation of a greater Serbia, including what is now the Austrian province of Bosnia.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg said he recognized the fact that some people in foreign countries were inclined to look at the situation sensibly. But these, he said, are in the minority, and their voices go unheard, like those of certain members of the English House of Lords.

Pretext Disappears.

"But the enemy's theories have lost force," he said. "The people have ceased speaking about the war lasting twenty years. The pretext that they are waging war for the protection of small countries has lost its persuasive power since the recent events in Greece."

"Small countries are in a plight, since England is lightning."

The chancellor discussed the principle of nationalities as applied by Germany's enemies, and asked whether the English colonial secretary knew that of the 1,500,000 inhabitants of Alsace more than 87 per cent speak German as their mother tongue. He asked whether Poland, by right of nationality, belongs to Russia. He demanded to know whether the same principle applied by England in the case of Alsace.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; slightly colder tonight; lowest temperature about 30 degrees; fresh northwest winds.

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Virginia—Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature; fresh westerly winds.

TEMPERATURES.

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8 a. m. 38	8 a. m. 40
9 a. m. 39	9 a. m. 41
10 a. m. 40	10 a. m. 42

TIDE TABLE.

High tide at 10:00 a. m. and 10:23 p. m.
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War Oddities.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—King George has given Upper Lodge, a beautiful old house in Bushy Park, to the Canadian Red Cross to be used as a convalescent home.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—"Billy," the famous King Penguin at the Zoo, died of grief soon after his keeper enlisted in the army.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Keep a goat and reduce your milk bill 40 per cent. A newly formed league called the National Utility Goat Club, wants this done.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—England's latest rumor about the German crown prince declares that Wilhelm has lost his mind and is now a prisoner in one of the Imperial German palaces under care of specialists.

loses power when applied to India and Egypt.

Germany's enemies, von Bethmann-Hollweg said, had blinded themselves at the beginning of the war by false stories about Germany.

Foodstuffs in Plenty.

"Now, after military and diplomatic defeats," he said, "they are only able to cling to the idea of Germany's annihilation. For this purpose they invented the starvation theory."

"We all agree," he said emphatically, "that foodstuffs are sufficient, and that the only important question is that of distribution. The great economic unit stretching from Arras into Mesopotamia cannot be crushed."

The chancellor mentioned the great stores of copper, which, he said, were sufficient for years of industrial demands, and the introduction of substitutes like artificial rubber.

He pointed out that France has already called to the colors boys of the class of 1917.

"The more Germany's enemies continue the war with bitterness," Bethmann-Hollweg said, "the more will Germany need guarantees to insure her future position."

For Germany's Future.

"We do not fight to subjugate other nations," declared the chancellor in conclusion. "We fight for the protection of our life and liberty. For the German government, this war has always remained what it was at the beginning—a war of defense for the German nation and for her future."

"This war can only be terminated by a peace which gives human certitude that it will not return. We all agree about this and there always will be the root of our strength."

Dr. Philip Scheidemann, the Socialist leader, whose interpretation resulted in today's peace discussion, followed the chancellor.

Dr. Scheidemann reminded the reichstag that at the beginning of the war the Socialists approved the attitude of the German government.

"A glance at the map," said Scheidemann, "will show that Germany is conscious of her strength and her successes."

"Germany can now speak for peace without risking being considered weak-hearted or dispirited."

Scheidemann protested against those who dream of a war of annexation.

Has Made Sacrifices.

"But equally foolish is it for our enemies to advocate the dismemberment of Germany or to crusade against the so-called Prussian militarism," he said. "First, because this expression is wrong and, second, because this affair concerns nobody but the Germans themselves."

Scheidemann said it was folly for the French to continue to desire to annex Alsace-Lorraine. But, in pushing his demand for a statement of peace terms, he asserted that, notwithstanding her great victories, Germany had also made heavy sacrifices.

"The question now uppermost in all the countries at war," he said, "only the statesmen do not know how to begin negotiations because they consider such a step would be a confession of weakness."

He mentioned the peace address of Lord Courtney in the British parliament, and the agitation of the Italian Socialists. He quoted Count Andrássy as authority for the statement that, according to reliable private information, the longing for peace is general in France.

Bringing Europe To Ruin.

"My plea for a statement of peace terms, like that of Lord Courtney, need by no means be construed as a sign of lack of strength," said the

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Socialist leader. "But the present war is bringing Europe to the verge of ruin."

Scheidemann, however, assailed the idea that it is possible to starve Germany. Recent census figures, he said, showed 30,000,000 swine and 15,000,000 kilograms of potatoes in Germany, enough food, he said, to supply the entire empire for a long time.

Scheidemann quoted Kaiser Wilhelm as saying that this is no war for conquest.

"Therefore," said the socialist leader, "I have asked the chancellor to state possible conditions of peace."

In concluding, Scheidemann denied that Germany is seeking world leadership. He asserted that she wants only to be the equal of other nations. The present moment is opportune for peace talk, he said. By moving now Germany, he declared, may gain the glory she first dreamed of.

England Is Willing to Discuss Peace Terms, Asquith Tells Commons

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The allies are willing to discuss any serious peace proposals, Premier Asquith declared in the house of commons.

"If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy governments, either directly or through neutral power, they will first be discussed by the allied governments. Until this contingency arises I cannot give any further pledge."

This was the premier's reply to the request of Philip Snowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, for a pledge that no proposals for negotiations based on the evacuation of conquered territory shall be rejected by the British government without the knowledge of parliament. Premier Asquith added:

"As soon as proposals for peace are put forward it will be the desire of the government to take parliament into its confidence at the earliest possible moment."

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